

PROPOSED AGREEMENT TO AID FRANCE FOUND VALID; ENGINEER OF WRECKED SHORE TRAIN ASLEEP, CHARGE

MAN AT THROTTLE MISSED SIGNALS, ASSERTS CORONER

Says Train Passed Over Warning Torpedoes on Tracks and Lights Were Ignored

P. R. R. COMMITTEE SUBSTANTIATES THEORY

Issues Statement That First Block Signal Was Not Seen. Townsend in Hospital

Third Crash for Engineer; Wife Asked Him to Resign

The wreck is the third railroad crash in which Engineer Townsend has figured.

Coroner Charles Cunningham, of Hammonston, N. J., who is probing the wreck yesterday of a Washington-Atlantic City excursion train on the Pennsylvania Railroad near Elwood, N. J., declared that, in his opinion, "Engineer Ralph Townsend was either asleep at the time of the smashup or napping on the job."

One man was killed and twenty-two others injured in a collision between two sections of the train.

Townsend, a Camden man, is in the Atlantic City Hospital with broken ribs and a broken pelvis, caused when he jumped from his engine after applying the brakes. Orders have been issued to permit no one to see him.

Flagman Sent to Warn Train

"I do not see how this accident possibly could have occurred if the engineer had been on the job," Coroner Cunningham declared today. "We have been reliably informed that when the train ahead, the second of the sixteen sections, was held up, a flagman was sent back as customary to warn the next train."

"I am informed that a torpedo was placed upon the rails a mile back of the second section and that a half mile back a fuse was attached to the rails.

"The fuse may have burned out, but Townsend, the engineer, must have heard the torpedo when his engine passed over it—if he was not napping."

Coroner Cunningham went to Atlantic City this afternoon to examine the jury. The first session of the inquest will be held Thursday.

Questioned by Railroad Committee

A committee of railroad officials questioned the engineer at the hospital today. The committee promised to issue the engineer's version of the wreck this afternoon.

All but two of the injured have left the Atlantic City hospital. They are Townsend, the engineer, and George Seitz, of Washington, a passenger, who was riding in the last car of the second section, an ancient wooden coach which the third section crushed like an eggshell. He sustained a fractured hip.

Director General of Railroads Hines today ordered a federal investigation of the wreck.

Removal of dilapidated wooden passenger cars from the railways of the country by the United States railroad administration is demanded by railroad riders and Atlantic City authorities as the result of the collision.

Three Inquiries Under Way

Three investigations are already under way. The railroad administration has ordered one. R. L. O'Donnell, general manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad, has directed another, and Coroner Cunningham is conducting the third.

Mr. O'Donnell has named E. J. Cleave, superintendent of the West Jersey and Atlantic City Railroad, on which the wreck occurred; A. H. Ridd, signal engineer; W. G. Coughlin, chief engineer; and William Elmer, superintendent of the Philadelphia division, as his committee.

Division Superintendent Mitchell is in charge of the railroad administration investigation. Coroner Cunningham has set his hearing for Thursday.

Why So Many Women Aids in 46th Ward?—McCain

All But Four on '1000' Are From West Philadelphia Precinct—Trouble Expected? Committee Conspicuous for Absentees

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN The famous committee of one thousand, the most imposing in point of numbers, but not the most representative campaign organization in the history of local politics, is now a matter of public record.

The names are noticeable for the ones that are missing. If the list be closely scanned it will be observed that mother and son and father and brother in the same family are registered from the same dwelling.

Trouble Anticipated

It looks as though trouble is anticipated in that section. And yet it is not like the organization candidates to take shelter behind a woman's dress, Perish the thought!

PATTERSON PICKS HIMSELF A WINNER

Judge Delivers Campaign Inaugural—Speaks to Committee of 1000

"Supreme confidence" that he will be victor in the mayoralty fight was expressed this afternoon by Judge Patterson.

'SPONSOR' PRIMARY WINNERS NAMED

Thirteen Hog Island Belles Win Right to Run in Election Friday

Nurse Gets 4000 Votes

WANT \$70 POLICE FORCE

North Wales Seeks Chief, Patrolman and Detective, All in One

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Political Leader Denies That He Made Statements and Raps City Hall Official

Director of Supplies Joseph S. MacLaughlin made further charges today against Senator Vare resulting from the senator's admitted attempt to obtain a fire-hose contract for Michael I. Crane, Vare lieutenant in the Twenty-fourth ward.

FOUR NEAR DEATH IN SUDDEN STORM

Two Boys Thrown From Boat Into River—Lightning Does Damage

BOLTS ENDANGER TWO

Lightning struck in several places in and near this city today during the heavy rainstorm which descended suddenly, drenching thousands unprotected by umbrellas or raincoats.

Baird home Damaged

When a bolt hit the home of former Senator Baird, his daughter, Mrs. Mary Lee, was alone in the house.

PROFITEER IN ARMY FOOD

Boston, Aug. 25.—(By A. P.)—Eight corporations have been indicted by the county grand jury for keeping in cold storage more than one year a total of 136,847 pounds of fresh fish, 61,350 pounds of fresh meat and egg products.

GERMANS BAR ALLIED ARMS

Declines Permission to Police Silesia, Where Teutons Riot

"Will Run for President If People Say So"—Daniels

On Board the U. S. S. New York, Hilo, Hawaiian Islands, Aug. 25.—(By A. P.)—When asked regarding the outcome of a conference of Honolulu Democrats, Secretary of Navy Daniels remarked "that the Wilson administration has no candidate for President. That is for the people to decide."

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Subcommittee's Report Declares Force Alone Will Prevent New German Aggression

BRITAIN CALLED ROBBER OF EGYPT'S FREEDOM

Senate Bill Provides Withdrawal From League Unless Nations Abolish Conscription

RUMANIA REJECTS DECISION OF ALLIES

Serbia Discusses Mobilization as Bucharest Refuses Territorial Division

GRACE BACK FROM EUROPE

Predicts U. S. Soon Will Dominate the Shipping World

MUCK'S SUCCESSOR ARRIVES

Marseilles Dockmen to Strike

REDS LOSE TOWN ON DNIEPER

LONDON, Aug. 25.—General Denikine, commander of the anti-Bolshevik forces in south Russia, has captured the town of Berislav, on the Dnieper river in the government of Kherson, according to a dispatch today from Taganrog, in the Don Cossack territory on the Sea of Azov.

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